

Attorney Docket # 15615/02/US

APPLICATION FOR UNITED STATES LETTERS PATENT
DECLARATION AND POWER OF ATTORNEY

As a below named inventor, I hereby declare that my residence, post office address and citizenship are as stated next to my name.

I believe I am the original, first and sole inventor (if only one name is listed below) or an original, first and joint inventor (if plural names are listed below) of the subject matter which is claimed and for which a patent is sought on the invention entitled:

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and which application was filed in the United States Patent and Trademark Office on December 3, 1997, having Attorney Docket No.15615/02/US, and the Serial Number designation 08/984,099.

I hereby state that I have reviewed and understand the contents of the above-identified application, including the claims, and including any amendments filed concurrently with the application papers.

I acknowledge the duty to disclose information which is material to the examination of this application in accordance with Title 37, Code of Federal Regulations, Section 1.56.

I hereby claim benefit under the Paris Convention and 35 USC 119 of the priority of the following previously filed application(s):

<u>Country</u>	<u>Serial Number</u>	<u>Filing Date</u>
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No application to the invention of the present application was filed in any foreign country prior to the above application(s).

I hereby claim the benefit under Title 35, United States Code, 120 of each United States application listed below and, insofar as the subject matter of each of the claims of this application is not disclosed in the prior United States application in the manner provided by the first paragraph of Title 35, United States Code, 112, I acknowledge the duty to disclose material information as defined in the Title 37, Code of Federal Regulations, 1.56 which occurred between the filing date of the prior application and the national or PCT international filing date of this application.

Prior U.S. Application(s)

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Prior Foreign Application(s)

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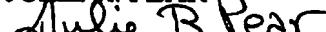
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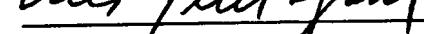
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